DIEV ET MON DROIT

By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the better ordering of those who repaire to the Court for their cure of the Disease, called, *The Kings Euill.*

WHereas by the grace and blessing of God, the Kings and Queenes of this Realme, by many ages past, haue had the happinesse, by their sacred touch and inuocation of the name of God, to cure those who are afflicted with the disease called The Kings Euill: And his now Maiesty, in no lesse measure then any of his Royall Predecessors, hath had good successe therein: and in his most gracious and pious disposition, is as ready and willing as any King or Queene of this Realme euer was, in any thing to relieue the distresses and necessities of his Subiects. Yet in his Princely wisdome, foreseeing that in this, (as in all other things) Order is to be obserued, and fit times are necessary to be appointed for performing of this great worke of charity; His most Excellent Maiestie doth hereby publish and declare his Royall will and Pleasure to be, That whereas heretofore the vsuall times of presenting such persons to his Maiestie for this purpose, were Easter and Whitsontide, That from henceforth the times shall be Easter and Michaelmas, as times more conuenient, both for the temperature of the season, and in respect of any contagion which may happen in this neere accesse to his Maiesties sacred Person. And his Maiesty doth accordingly will and Command, that from the time of publishing this Proclamation, none presume to repaire to his Maiesties Royall Court, to be healed of that Disease, before the Feast of Saint Michael now next comming: And his Maiestie doth further will and Command, That all such as hereafter shall come or repaire to the Court for this purpose, shall bring with them Certificates vnder the hands of the Parson, Vicar or Minister, and Church-Wardens of those seuerall Parishes where they dwell, and vnder the hands and seales of one or more Iustices of the Peace for that County from whence they come, testifying according to the truth, That they haue not at any time before beene touched by the King, to the intent to be healed of that Disease. And his Maiesty doth straightly charge all Iustices of the Peace, Constables, and other Officers, That they doe not suffer any to passe, but such as haue such Certificates, vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure. And to the end that all his louing Subiects may the better take knowledge of this his Maiesties Pleasure and Command, his will is, That this Proclamation be published and affixed in some open place in euery Market Towne of this Realme, and be read in euery Church twice a yeare, that is to say, at Shrouetide and Bartholomewtide, whereby the people may not pretend ignorance of his Maiesties pleasure.

Giuen at Our Court at Oatlands, the eight and twentieth day of Iuly, in the eleuenth yeere of Our Reigne.

God saue the King.

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